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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to
Change Electric and Natural Gas Rates

3270-UR-109

NOTICE OF FURTHER HEARING

Direct Testimony Due:	August 10, 1999 (Tuesday) – Noon
Rebuttal Testimony Due:	August 13, 1999 (Friday) – Noon
Hearing Date:	August 16, 1999 (Monday) – 1:30 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

On April 15, 1998, Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE or company) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, for authority to increase rates for electric and natural gas service.

The Commission issued the order in docket 3270-UR-109 on January 15, 1999. The order included fuel costs to be monitored and variance ranges to be allowed under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 116.04. The monthly fuel costs being monitored were detailed in Appendix D of the order. The variance ranges set were costs: 1) for the annual range, plus or minus 3 percent; 2) for the monthly range, plus or minus 10 percent; and 3) for the cumulative range, plus or minus 10 percent for the first month of the test year, plus or minus 6 percent for the second month of the test year and plus or minus 3 percent for the remaining months of the test year.

On July 16, 1999, MGE applied for rate relief in docket 3270-UR-109. According to its application, its fuel costs exceeded both the monthly and cumulative ranges. According to its calculations of fuel costs for the rest of the test year, the annual variance would be 7.09 percent above the estimated fuel cost per MWh included in the order, in excess of the allowed annual range of 3 percent.

The utility is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.73, for producing proof of notice at the hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing will be held beginning on Monday, August 16, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Hearing Examiner. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeffry Patzke, Hearing Examiner, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Examining Division, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

Full parties shall file an **original and 20 copies** of any testimony and exhibits with the Commission and shall provide a complete copy to the other full parties. A filing with the Commission may be made by facsimile transmission one working day prior to a deadline to allow time for copying but cannot exceed 20 pages. The cover sheet must state "Official Filing" and the number of pages.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

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Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Sharon K. Hennings at (608) 267-2160.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission